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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRES

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

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1. (Three Times Amended) A run-flat pneumatic tire comprising:  
a radial carcass extending between a pair of bead cores embedded in the respective bead portions to reinforce a pair of sidewall portions,  
a tread portion comprised of one or more rubberized cord plies,  
a belt arranged on an outer peripheral surface of the carcass to reinforce the tread portion,  
a bead filler rubber taperingly extending from a position just above the bead core toward an end of the tread portion,